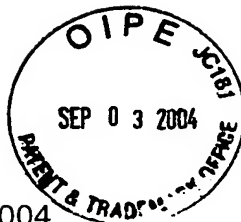


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Amendment "B" And Request for Extension of Time

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004. The 3 month period of time for responding to the Office Action expired on August 5, 2004. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended, for months, to September 5, 2004. The \$110 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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